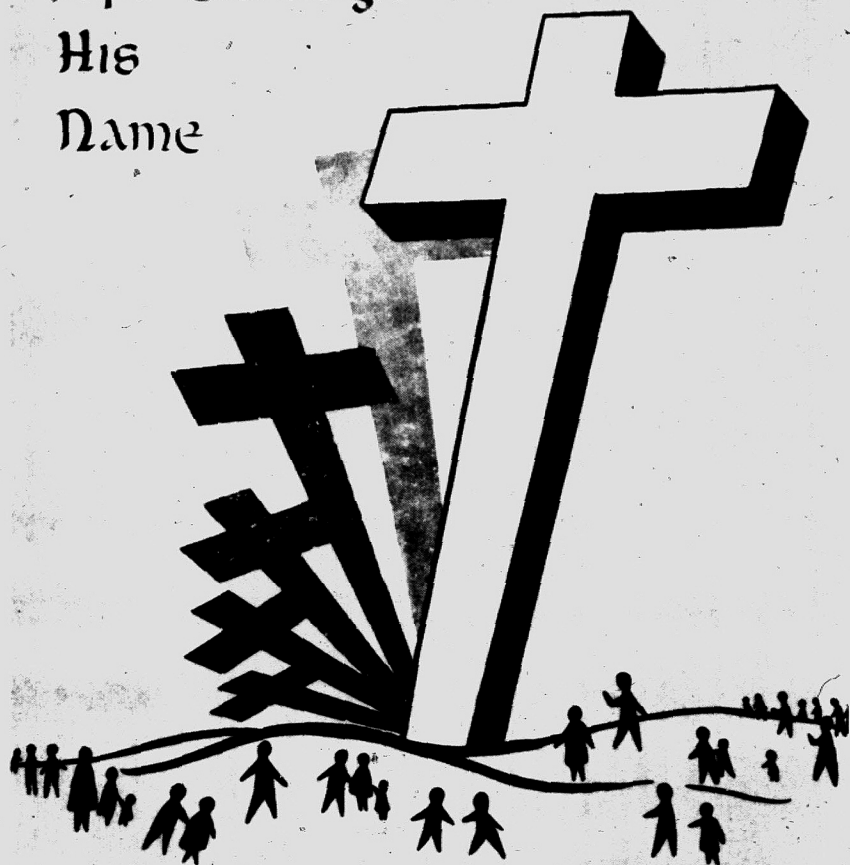


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Baptist Students Ready For State Convention

"Unto the Least of These" will be the theme of the State Baptist Student Convention to be held at First Baptist Church in Greenville this coming week-end, Dec. 1-3.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsoring a agency, said that up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students would come from the more than 30 colleges and schools in the state.

Presiding will be Robert Tischer, a student at Mississippi State University and president of the State Baptist Student Convention.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Wm. M. Pinson, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Ed Seabough, associate in Student Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Grady Nutt, director of alumni affairs and assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A special feature will be the presentation on Friday night of "Good News," a 55-minute folk musical that presents the challenge of Christianity to today's youth.

So far as is known this will be the first time this presentation will be given in the state, according to Mr. Winders.

The presentation will be given

under direction of the B.S.U. organizations of MSCW and Mississippi State University.

It contains 20 original religious folk songs, drama, comedy and monologues. It will have accompaniment by various types of instruments and the singing group from the two schools will number well over 100.

Vaughn To Direct

Billy Vaughan, minister of First Baptist Church, Columbus will direct, assisted by Joe Ray Underwood, BSU choir director at Mississippi State and the BSU directors of the two schools, Miss Gail Elrod and Harold Guley.

Music director will be Dick Baker, evangelistic singer, Dallas, Texas.

Other features will include a series of simultaneous conferences, reports from 1967 BSU summer missionaries, business session, presentation of 1968 summer missions program and special music.

Conference leaders will include Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. James Yates, pastor First Baptist Church, Yazoo City; Dr. J. Clark

Hensley, Jackson, executive director, Christian Action Commission of Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor of host church; Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Allen

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Bombings Must Be Stopped

An Editorial

Baptists join other Christians, and every other responsible citizen in Mississippi, in deploring and condemning the heinous, senseless, lawless bombings within the state in recent weeks.

While we can speak only for ourselves, we are confident that every Baptist in the state utterly opposes and condemns such acts of violence, and fully supports government agencies in their efforts to apprehend and bring to justice, the criminals responsible for these atrocities.

Mississippi must be a state where law and order prevails, and where the rights of all men are recognized and respected. When these are lost, stable society cannot long continue to exist. They have not been lost in our state, but apparently a few depraved individuals or groups would destroy them if they can.

Mississippians love their state, and want to see its problems solved, and peace and harmony prevail. They rejoice in the advance in these areas in recent years, and are not willing that that progress be destroyed by a few.

Government units and law enforcement agencies have worked to preserve these things for Mississippi, and now reportedly they are doubling their efforts to halt this new wave of violence. They must have the full support of every citizen.

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State Conventions Grapple With Education Questions

By Jim Newton
Baptist Press Staff Writer

Like the proverbial witch's brew, problems relating to adequate financing of Baptist schools and hospitals, along with the correlative question of federal aid, continued to boil during many of the 30 Baptist state conventions meeting this fall.

Although the pot is still boiling, it now appears that most of the state conventions which own schools and hospitals have made one thing clear concerning federal aid.

Federal grants for building construction are not going to be allowed generally at Baptist schools and hospitals.

Although 1967 does not seem to be as significant a year of decision-making with regard

to federal aid as was 1966, at least three state conventions flatly rejected federal grants this year. Six conventions took such stands last year.

In two of the most significant

state conventions, almost opposite actions were taken, but the net result was about the same.

In South Carolina, the convention rejected by a two-to-one vote a committee recommendation that the trustees of each school be allowed to determine what kinds of federal aid to accept, including federal grants.

In Virginia, a motion was approved asking the trustees of each school to decide what types of federal funds they felt they could accept, with the exception of federal grants. The action was especially significant for Virginia, which historically has taken a strict church-state separationist stand with no forms of federal aid allowed.

In both cases, the door is left open for the schools to accept federal loans, but not grants, except perhaps on a research services-rendered basis.

This year, most of the conventions, however, seemed to move from the federal aid question to the much broader spectrum of the total education scene—facing realistically the problems of financing 54 Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Four conventions took actions which seem to indicate that no new Baptist schools will be established in the future, and that plans to start new conventions may be shelved before they can get rolling.

Maryland Baptists voted to request the trustees of the embryonic Maryland Baptist College to dissolve the corporation and turn the assets and liabilities over to the convention, instead of freeing the school in Walkersville, Md. to become a private Christian institution.

In Florida, plans for a Baptist college in Palm Beach Gardens near West Palm Beach were shelved until Billy Graham decides whether to build a school there, or until further study is made on basis.

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Leaders Explore Cooperative Witness

By C. E. Bryant

WASHINGTON (BP)—Thirty-eight representatives from nine different North American Baptist bodies met for three days (Nov. 18-20) here "to explore the role of Baptists in our rapidly changing world."

V. Carney Hargroves, chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the discussions were informal and unofficial.

A statement of findings will be studied further by a group of leaders of the North American Baptist Fellowship, but the findings were not made public.

Invitations to participate in

the consultation were issued last May to the presidents or executive secretaries of all North American Baptist conventions, conferences and associations affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance. The leaders were asked to designate up to five representatives from each of their groups.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and secretary of the NABF, termed the three days of meetings as "an upper room experience in which we all came together prayerfully faced the needs of the current world and sought ways to work cooperatively to meet those needs."

Hargroves, an American Baptist, said that "those of us in the meeting discovered that we have much in common."

"Questionnaires which were distributed by mail ahead of time and returned without names signed showed a surprisingly large degree of agreement. Differences are usually in the areas of the cultural, geographical or historical. Theological differences seemed to be in large

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N. A. Baptist Women Meet In Washington

WASHINGTON (BP)—More than 1,200 women from 14 different Baptist conventions, conferences and associations in North America met here for what was described as a "Baptist-style ecumenical meeting."

It was the fourth continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union, a division of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance.

For three days the delegates from Mexico, Jamaica, Canada and the United States considered the conference theme, "Encounter Response."

Miss Alma Hunt, acting president from Birmingham, Ala., presided over the program planned to bring the participants to an "encounter" with the problems of the world.

In the final session, Mrs. Edgar Bates of Toronto, told the women that each member of their fellowship involving a total of 14 million women in Baptist churches in North America—"must be involved deeply, personally, if we are to be effective instruments in the service of the world."

Mrs. Bates is president of the women's department of

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NEW AND DRAMATIC

The Crusade Of The Americas

By John F. Havlik

HMB Division of Evangelism

The question of our title was put to me recently by someone who was saying to me, "Isn't this just another simultaneous revival?" Albert McClellan said recently, "More planning, more participation, and more prayer has gone into the Crusade of the Americas than any past denominational emphasis or project, including 'A Million More in '54.'" Planning for the Crusade of the Americas in the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1962 and 1963 the Crusade of the Americas in the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1962 and 1963 in looking toward "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions."

The Crusade in Sao Paulo, Brazil, led by Eual Lawson of

the Division of Evangelism, and the National Crusade in Brazil, led by Rubens Lopes, led to the Crusade of the Americas in the challenge of Lopes to the Baptist World Alliance and the Southern Baptist Convention. The Crusade of the Americas then became the central thrust of the emphasis, "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions." The responsibility of promoting the Crusade of the Americas in the Southern Baptist Convention was given to the Division of Evangelism.

Working through the Denominational Emphasis Planning Committee and through its own channels, the state secretaries of evangelism and Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board led the Convention to the brink of the most challenging thrust in

evangelism we have ever attempted. It is far more than just another simultaneous revival. It is a thrust in personal evangelism, and revival evangelism. It rests upon the solid foundation of better curriculum materials than have ever been offered to churches by their denominational leadership.

But my insistent inquisition says, "I know all that, but what is new and dramatic about the Crusade of the Americas?"

PACT IS NEW AND DRAMATIC! "Praying for the Americas Crusade Together" is a joint project of WMU, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism. Financed by the above mentioned agencies, it unites persons, groups, and churches of the Americas in a prayer PACT through a central office in Birmingham.

IBM cards will match prayer partners in the USA with prayer partners in South, Central America, and Canada. "Computerized prayer" will share prayer victories through a monthly prayer bulletin published in three languages. This project will be launched for the local churches in January of 1968, and for this entire year there will be a "concert of prayer" for an intervention of the mercy of God for our time.

THREE NATION-WIDE EVANGELISTIC TELECASTS ARE NEW AND DRAMATIC. This is the first time nationwide, prime time, directly evangelistic television will be used. A well-known publicity firm will handle marketing details. The entire expense of producing the video tapes and purchasing the time on sta-

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Training Union Mobilization Night will be held during December in all Mississippi Associations (many of them on December 4, the suggested date). This is the time when associational Training Union programs and goals are presented along with an inspirational program.

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States Grapple With Questions

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cerning plans for a state-supported junior college in West Palm Beach.

And in Kentucky, messengers to the conventions authorized a committee to study their moral and legal obligations to Kentucky Southern College which two weeks earlier had merged with the University of Louisville. The convention had pledged \$77,000 per year for five years to Kentucky Southern last March when Kentucky Southern severed its ties with the convention to become a private, Christian college, which now no longer exists.

Many believe that although it is regrettable to lose these schools, it is more realistic for them to die quickly by convention actions than to starve to death because of lack of financial support.

In order to realistically face the problems of higher education, the conventions are more and more turning to the use of "blue-ribbon" study committees which delve into the questions in depth and seek to come up with intelligent, well-thought-out recommendations.

Such committees were created for special education studies in Alabama, Arkansas and North Carolina; and current study committees were continued in California and Georgia.

In North Carolina, and California, the committees will devote special attention to the question of federal aid. For California, this was considered highly significant since the convention has taken a strict separatist stand in the past.

Total convention study committees, requested to delve into all aspects of the convention's programs and institutions (including education) were created in Arizona, South Carolina and Virginia, and Texas is continuing its Committee of 100 study.

The big question now seems to be whether or not the convention messengers will listen to the committees and accept their recommendations.

In South Carolina, for example, the two-year study of federal aid was rejected by a vote of 1,423 to 643, primarily because the door was left open for federal grants. Three of the committee members told the convention that they had opposed federal aid when they were appointed to the committee, but after studying all the facts had changed their viewpoint, feeling now that federal aid was not an infringement of religious liberty.

Louisiana Acts
In Mississippi, where a long-range committee on Christian education brought a lengthy study report with 16 recommendations, the convention voted only to "receive" the report, rather than adopt it as its own statement, and to ask the schools and its Education Commission to study and use the report "for whatever good they can get out of it."

In Louisiana, where the convention last year adopted lengthy committee report allowing the trustees to decide what forms, except construction grants, of federal funds could be used, a motion was adopted this year which in effect reverses last year's action by denying the hospitals federal aid in any form, except Medicare and Medi-aid.

The Florida convention, which continued its church-state separation study committee after last year approving loans but not grants, referred for further study three recommendations from the committee which in effect called for more financial support of the schools from the convention.

Thus, in at least four states this year, the committee studies were either rejected or referred for more study.

Although problems of education and questions of federal aid clearly dominated the state conventions this year as last, other issues emerged capturing the spotlight in some states.

N.C. Faces Federal Aid, Plans Study

ASHVILLE, N. C. (BP) — Voting to appoint a 20-member committee to study the question of federal aid and other educational problems, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention also ap-

proved a specific project for Mars Hill College which some interpreted as a step toward federal aid to North Carolina Baptist institutions.

Trustees of the Baptist school in Mars Hill, N. C., in a surprise move, requested permission to enter into a \$140,000 contract with the University of Georgia in a project to be financed under Title III of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1965.

Under the program, ten professors at Mars Hill College would go to the University of Georgia to work on doctoral degrees, and ten University of Georgia faculty members would come to Mars Hill to teach in their place.

The two-year program financed by federal funds was termed essential for Mars Hill to achieve accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The overall study of the federal aid question came with approval of a motion to appoint a 20-member committee which would study problems facing Baptist colleges.

Specific problems mentioned in the motion were such things as financial needs of the schools, capital improvements, maintaining top-level educational facilities and faculties, future cooperation with state and federal governments, and the future relationship of the schools with the convention.

Three years ago the convention in a heated session rejected proposals that would allow the seven North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities to participate in the 1963 Higher Education Facilities Act, and to broaden the representation on college boards of trustees.

In another major action at the convention here, the messengers adopted a resolution calling for a peaceful settlement of the war in Vietnam, and urging observance of Sunday, Dec. 24, as a day of prayer for peace in Vietnam.

An effort to get the convention to approve a resolution calling for the U.S. to pull out of Vietnam was rejected. After Pastor W. W. Finlator of Raleigh presented his resolution, former Convention President Nane Starnes of Asheville asked that it not be considered.

Convention President Bates ruled out of order a motion by James Helvey of Thomasville, N. C., commending the work of the North Carolina Council of Churches and Baptist churches which join the Council of Churches.

Bates said that the motion would violate the convention's constitution which forbids the convention from exercising any authority over the churches of the convention.

Police Chief Named Hawaii President

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP) — The chief of police in Honolulu, Chief Dan Liu, was elected president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention during its 25th annual session here.

Chief Liu, a member of Olivet Baptist Church, has received several national recognitions and honors as an outstanding law enforcement officer and Christian layman, most recently by the American Bible Society.

A resolution was adopted by the convention commending Chief Liu for his outstanding work of enforcing in a judicious and effective manner the law, and seeking to maintain personnel of high moral caliber and efficiency in the police department.

Another resolution expressed support of court efforts to test the constitutionality of legislation allowing the use of public tax funds to subsidize private and parochial school bus service.

Utah-Idaho Reports Growth

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (BP) — In its third annual session, the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention reported that its 70 churches and 7,500 members had won 575 new converts last year, an eight per cent gain over 1966.

Convention Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft said the convention's baptisms represent a ratio of one conversion for every 13 members, compared to the current one to 30 ratio in the rest of the

Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention, which has no institutions at present, adopted a resolution stating that no public tax funds shall be accepted by any of its agencies, organizations, institutions, missions causes or personnel, and that future institutions, buildings and property received shall be subject to this policy.

The resolution affirmed "the position of the historical Baptist distinctive of separation of church and state."

Maryland Dissolves School Proposal

BALTIMORE (BP) — The Maryland Baptist Convention meeting here voted to recommend that the proposed Maryland Baptist College be dissolved "with the greatest expediency," rather than merely severing ties with the proposed school as its trustees had suggested.

Property of the college in Walkersville, Md., would revert back to the Maryland Baptist Convention and a seven-member committee was authorized to study every possible use of the property or disposition of the assets and liabilities.

Although the action left little doubt that the idea of a private Christian school in Walkersville had been killed, the committee would still have the power to come back later with a proposal to dispose of the property by selling or giving it to another institution.

The college trustees had earlier requested that the convention relinquish the school to establish a private, liberal arts college "eternally committed to the principles and beliefs of evangelical Christianity," but the State Mission Board of the Convention rejected the school trustees' recommendation and asked for the school to be dissolved.

The convention approved the State Mission Board's recommendation which (1) requested the college trustees to dissolve the corporation and turn the assets and liabilities over to the convention, (2) authorized the current president to appoint a seven-member committee to study use or disposition of assets and liabilities, and (3) empowered the State Mission Board to take necessary financial and legal steps involved.

Only debate on the recommendation came over whether the State Mission Board should have the power to make the final disposition or for the convention to reserve this right.

An amendment adopted by the convention provided that the final disposition of the property will be regular or called special session.

Reason given by the State Mission Board for refusing to accept the school trustees' recommendation that their convention ties be severed to establish a private Christian school was that "insufficient evidence" was presented by the trustees "to indicate that their action has been adequately finalized."

It was reported during the convention that the college had received about \$800,000 in contributions including about \$108,000 in designated gifts for specific purposes. Trustees or the seven-member committee would have to decide whether the contributions should be returned.

Both the 140-acre campus in Walkersville and the chapel and office building were financed by loans totaling nearly \$500,000. Present indebtedness is set at \$536,500.

South Carolina Rejects Federal Aid Study, Grants

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP) — After two years of study and two hours of debate, South Carolina Baptists here rejected by a two-to-one margin federal grants for construction.

The South Carolina Baptist Convention voted 1,423 to 643 in rejecting a report of the convention's two-year Federal Aid Study Committee.

The committee recommended that each college board of trustees be permitted to decide for itself what types of federal aid, including federal grants for building construc-

tion, to accept.

In other major actions, the convention acted on another major report, approved a special committee for a proposed study of the total convention program, and authorized charter changes for two of its colleges.

Without approving or rejecting its recommendations, the convention voted to receive as information an extensive report from a committee on licensing, ordaining and disciplining of ministers.

Had it been adopted, the report would have recommended a continuing committee to work in this area, urging similar committees on the associational level. Such committees, however, could not infringe on the procedures of local churches.

Recommendations from the committee included a proposal that a license to preach be for a period of not more than four years, subject to renewal; that ministerial students retain membership in his home church while studying, and that the committee's extensive guidelines for ordination be used.

On recommendation from the convention's General Board, the convention appointed a special 15-member committee to make a two-year study of existing institutions and agencies of the convention "in respect to expansion, consolidation, correlation, fiscal and financial responsibility, and convention support."

Debate over the Federal Aid Study Committee report lasted for more than two hours. Three members of the committee defended the report's recommendations, all agreeing that at the time they were appointed, they opposed federal aid. In the course of gathering the facts for the study, they said they had become enlightened to the realization that federal aid was not an infringement of religious liberty.

They emphasized that Baptists can still retain religious liberty while cooperating with the federal government.

Opponents to the report, led by Enoch Brown of Columbia, argued that Baptists should support their own schools without relying on the government.

In other action, the convention adopted a record 1968 budget of \$4.7 million, an increase of \$450,000, and elected Thomas L. Neely, president of North Greenville Junior College, as president.

Georgia Convention Avoids Controversy

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. (BP) — The Georgia Baptist Convention, plagued for several years by bitter debate over federal aid to its institutions, staged what some observers called one of its most harmonious sessions in years.

The federal aid question never came up, since the convention's Christian Education Commission is in the midst of a total study of the issue and other facets of support of Georgia Baptist educational institutions.

In a major action, the convention adopted a record budget of \$4,937,400 which includes a substantial increase in support to six Georgia Baptist colleges. The schools will get \$532,460, an increase of \$96,820.

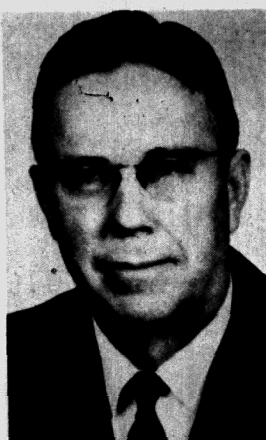
The budget, an increase of \$531,260, will be divided one half to state causes and one half to Southern Baptist world missions causes, after deductions of some specific "promotion expenses."

Predictions that an effort might be made to increase the budget percentage going to state-wide causes did not come true.

The convention adopted statements from its public affairs committee calling for opposition to legalized gambling and to laws making narcotics available to young people.

Another urged the government's commission on alcoholism to reconsider its "dangerous recommendation," which advocates drinking in the home and lowering of the legal drinking age.

Another resolution urged new state laws strengthening Sunday as a day of rest, but urging that "minority groups which choose some day other than Sunday have full protection of law in that choice."



Rev. Ralph B. Winders



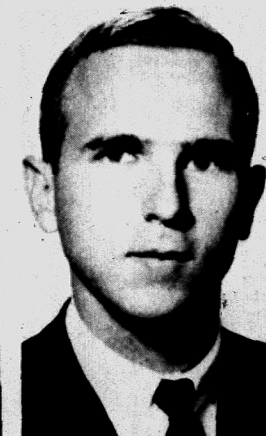
Ed Seabough



Dr. W. Perry Claxton



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Neil Jones

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measure a matter of semantics."

He said that the representatives spent their first two sessions speaking frankly about differences in their approaches to evangelism and their outreach to the world.

Considerable discussion developed in the area of social action — whether or not the term evangelism ends with just the conversion experience of individuals or continues in an application of Christian principles to the whole of life.

Such words as competition and duplication were sometimes used, Hargrove said, but these factors were faced in the search for ways and means for a cooperative Christian witness.

"We did recognize that the

North American continent needs a concentrated Baptist witness and we sought ways to work together and give common expression to the gospel we all seek to proclaim," Hargrove said.

The participants expressed a desire for increased communication between their groups. Publications of the various bodies will be exchanged between denominational leaders, news of the various groups will be channeled to the news services of other groups, and leaders will be invited to attend each other's meetings in order to become better acquainted and share plans for the future.

Southern Baptist participants in the meeting were Clifton J. Allen of the Baptist Sunday School Board,

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Orr, Missionary Journeyman to Philippines; Neil Jones, US-2er to El Paso, Texas; Dr. Pinson, Mr. Nutt, Mr. Seabough and Mr. Baker.

The convention will open Friday night and adjourn following an early Sunday morning service.

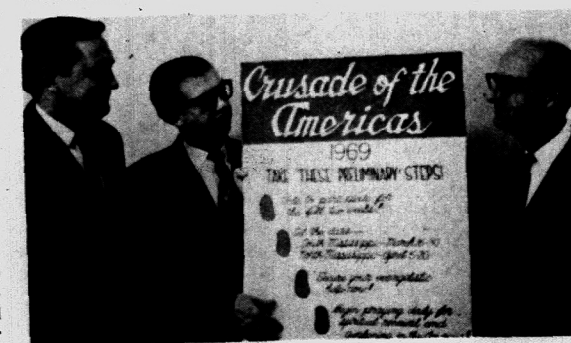
Lee To Lecture At New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—R. G. Lee of Memphis, well-known Baptist leader and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the 1967 Gurney Evangelism Lectures at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dec. 12-15.

The Evangelism Lectures will be presented in conjunction with the Seminary's third annual Evangelists Workshop. Program personnel for the workshop include Gerald Martin, Angel Martinez, E. J. Daniels, Bill Carlson, John Haggai, W. Clyde Martin, and others.

Topics for discussion will cover both the practical mechanics for successful revivals and a study of the content of evangelistic preaching. Evangelists from several states are expected to attend the three-day workshop.

Nashville, Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, Cleburn, Tex.; H. Franklin Paschall, convention president and pastor in Nashville; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee; and Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board.



THREE EVANGELISM TRAINING CLINICS with special emphasis on the Crusade of the Americas were held in the state last week. Those conducting were, from left: Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor First Church, Canton; Rev. W. D. Laws, associate in Evangelism Division of Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism of the State Board. Not shown is Rev. David Pratt, pastor of First Church, Lexington. Clinics were held in Laurel, Jackson and Oxford.

Pastoral Care Seminar Planned For March

NASHVILLE — A basic seminar in pastoral care will be conducted here March 11-15, 1968, by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seminar, to be held in the Church Program Training Center at the Board, is designed for pastors with limited training in pastoral care. It will offer basic principles, methods and applications of counseling and extensive dialogue with individual conference leaders.

Pastors may register by writing the Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37203.

Outdoor theaters opened in Bangui in the Central African Republic recently when "Bearer of the Book" and "My Right and My Cause," two of 16 such films available from the American Bible Society, were shown at a denominational open air meeting. Last year more than 140,000 Scriptures were distributed in the Central African Republic.



Rev. Don Dickson (right), pastor and Rev. L. D. Wall, superintendent of missions, stand in front of Elam Church.

Elam Has Tithers Enrolment Week

Elam Baptist Church, Coffeeville, has just completed Tithers Enrolment Week. The Demonstration Day Offering amounted to \$396.33. Total receipts for the month of October amounted to \$1,450.00, the largest single month income in recent years.

The year 1965-66 showed receipts of \$9,400.00 with an average income of \$733.00 per month. The year 1966-67 showed receipts of \$11,975.00 with an average income of \$998.00 per month. This year through Tithers Enrolment Week the yearly income is anticipated to be \$13,000.00 with an average income of \$1084.00 per month.

"For a church that has just entered into participation in mission giving on the percentage basis through the Cooperative Program and at the same time is paying off a new building indebtedness, this Stewardship Program is the answer," says Rev. Don Dickson, Pastor.

Baptist Exhibit Is Slated For The 1968 "Hemis Fair"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP) — Contracts have been signed which will provide a Baptist exhibit at HemisFair '68 and assure restoration of an historic dwelling here.

Participating in the exhibit will be the San Antonio Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

George E. Stewart, superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association, signed the contract for the exhibit space on behalf of the association and the state convention and SBC agencies.

The Baptist exhibit will be housed in the historic Eager house built in 1866 which will be retained as a permanent landmark after the close of the HemisFair, the 1968 Worlds Fair scheduled here from April through October of 1968.

The Eager house was constructed as a wedding gift for the first Anglo-American girl born in San Antonio, Sarah Riddle (later Eager), by her

father, William Riddle. When she died in 1947 at the age of 105, Mrs. Eager still lived in the house. Her daughter, Mrs. Florence Eager Roberts, recently moved from the house after living there for 100 years.

The historic home will be restored and air conditioned to house the Baptist exhibit which is to depict the history and message of Southern Baptists, "with particular emphasis on our concern for people and their spiritual and physical needs," Stewart said.

The executive secretary of the Texas convention, T. A. Patterson, added that a major contribution can be made to the Crusade of the Americas, a 1968-69 evangelistic effort, through the HemisFair.

Patterson said that the exhibit affords "a fine opportunity to make people better acquainted with our Baptist message and the Baptist contribution to the new world."

Theme of the HemisFair, scheduled April 6 - Oct. 6, 1968, is "The Confluence of Civilization in the Americas."



ONE HUNDRED NINE gathered at Garaywa November 23-25 for the International Student Conference, including 72 internationals from at least 13 countries.

At The International Student Conference

Seventy-two international students answered the Roll Call of Nations at the International Student Conference, at Camp Garaywa November 23-25. Guests and program personnel from the United States brought the total present to 109. Countries represented were Korea, Venezuela, Brazil, India, Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Egypt, Pakistan, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Every Thanksgiving the conference for international students is promoted by the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, and the Baptist Student Union, Rev. Ralph Winders, director.

Colleges represented were Blue Mountain, Draughon's Business College, Mississippi College, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, University of Southern Mississippi, and William Carey College.

Guest speakers were Dr. Whit Marks, Department of Physics, Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma, and Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, New Testament and Greek professor, New Orleans Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Phillips of Oxford served as host and hostess.

Highlights of the weekend were Thanksgiving dinner at 6 on Thursday, and a trip to Jackson on Friday afternoon, where students were entertained in individual homes.



FROM INDIA—In photo at right, Nirmal Singh Gill and his wife and three children are welcomed to Garaywa for Thanksgiving, by the host and hostess for the International Student Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips, and their three children.



PROGRAM PERSONALITIES included, left to right, in photo at left, Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary; Jesse P. Phillips, conference host; Dr. Whit Marks, physics professor, Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma; Mrs. Whit Marks.

NEW WORKERS ARE WELCOMED AT STATE CONVENTION

Many new workers in the state who have come into Mississippi or accepted new types of work the past year were introduced at the State Convention. These were:

Alan E. Bailliet, pastor, Mt. Vernon Church, Lowndes Assn., from Meadow Brook Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Neal Bowman, Jr., pastor, Saltillo Church, Lee Assn., from Alton Church, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Clarence H. Cutrell, assoc. State Stewardship Dept., Jackson, from superintendent of missions, Rankin; Robert Dunn, pastor, Pineview Church, Jackson Assn., from First Church Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Ala.; Farley Earnest, minister of music and youth, First Church, Kosciusko, from First Church, Throckmorton, Texas.

Doyle Ferrell, pastor, First Church, Burnsville, from Atwood Church, Atwood, Ala.; Claude B. Francis, pastor, Morgan City Church, Leflore Assn., from Union Center Church, Union Center, S. D.; Paul D. Ganey, minister of music, First Church, Lucedale, from Navco Church, Mobile, Ala.; Elton Gray, assistant to pastor in education,

First Church, Biloxi, from Grants Creek Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Ray Grissett, pastor, First Church, Wiggins, from Cove Church, Panama City, Fla.

Edgar Harvey, pastor, Gore Springs Church, Grenada Assn., from Lurrell, Ark.; Ronald A. Hazlett, pastor, Zion Church, Lebanon Assn., from student at Carey College; David Hicks, B.S.U. director, University of Mississippi; Terry James Howard, pastor, Big Creek Church, Calhoun Assn., from New Orleans Seminary; Melvin R. Jones, pastor, Locust Street Church, Pike Assn., from Westside Emmanuel Church, Bogalusa, La.

Dennis Kissinger, minister of music, Fifteenth Avenue Church, Lauderdale Assn., from Lauderdale Church, Lauderdale Assn., from Laurensboro, N. C.; Vance Marberry, pastor, Olive Branch Church, Desoto Assn., from Magness Memorial Church, McMinnville, Tenn.; D. M. Metts, pastor, Goodman Church, Holmes Assn. and B.S.U. director, Holmes Jr. College, from retirement, Memphis, Tenn.; Billy McKay, pastor, Madison Church, Madison Assn., from Main Street Church and B.S.U. director, Holmes Jr. College, Goodman.

Buel B. Patton, Jr., associate pastor, Westwood Church, Meridian; John R. Prothro, minister of education, First Church, Vicksburg, from Third Avenue Church, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Ray, minister of education, Woodland Hills Church, Hinds Assn., from First Church, Somerset, Ky.; Emil A. Rieben, pastor, Hickory Grove Church, Tate Assn., from member of Thrift-haven Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Robert M. Sanders, pastor, Johnson Creek Church, Green Assn., from member of Union Church, Seminary; Howard D. Smith, pastor, Washington Church, Adams Assn., from Georgetown Church, Georgetown, La.; Louis Smith, pastor, Briarwood Church, Hinds Assn., from Shadowlawn Church, Prichard, Ala.; Noxle J. Taylor, minister of music, First Church, Winston Assn., from Temple Church, Ruston, La.; Dennis Turner, pastor, Union Church, Panola Assn., from First Church, Peach Orchard, Ala.

A. T. Walker, pastor, McLaurin Church, and dean of Southeast Seminary Center, Lebanon Assn., from Oak Church, Ocala, Fla.; Brooks H. Wester, pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg, from Park Place, Houston, Texas; David N. Williams, pastor, Crestwood Church, Prentiss Assn.

Site of our first Mississippi Baptist Female College was at Hernando, Miss., organized in 1851.

Total number of copies of Associational minutes in your Historical Commission Library is 5,171, to date.

The Baptists received control of Mississippi College in 1880.

Mrs. P. Crouch Dies After Long Cancer Bout

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (BP) —The wife of the general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Mrs. W. Perry (Floy Mae) Crouch died here Nov. 22 after a two-year bout with cancer. She was 57.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 24, at the First Baptist Church of Asheville where her husband had been pastor for 19 years before becoming state executive secretary.

Participating in the funeral services were Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Asheville; T. L. Cashwell Jr., pastor of Hays Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh where Mrs. Crouch was a member; and Robert Bruhn, administrative assistant to Crouch.

The family requested that a memorial library shelf be established at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., in lieu of flowers. The memorial fund is being collected at the state convention office in Raleigh at 301 Hillsboro St.

A native of Hickory, N. C., Mrs. Crouch, the former Floy Mae Havnaer, and her husband were married in 1906. They attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth together.

Survivors include her husband of Raleigh; three sons, W. Henry Crouch, a Baptist pastor in Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. Robert P. Crouch, an Asheville physician; and Dan Crouch, an electrical engineer also in Asheville; a daughter, Mrs. Allen Patterson of Asheville; six brothers, three sisters, and 14 grandchildren.

Fire Destroys Gulfport Church

Fire virtually destroyed the main building and the top floor of the two-story educational annex of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport last Sunday.

The loss was unofficially estimated in excess of \$200,000.

Firemen said the blaze apparently originated in the central heating unit in a utility area just off the main sanctuary.

The fire was discovered

about 3 a.m. by an unidentified person who happened to be passing by.

Rev. Charles Brock, pastor, conducted the morning service in North Central Elementary School with 350 present with the evening service being held at Riemann Funeral Home with 250 in attendance.

The main building virtually destroyed, housed the sanctuary as well as educational departments.

The first floor of the edu-

cational annex, now under construction, was saved with the second floor practically destroyed.

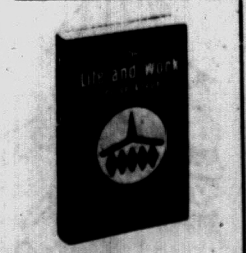
The Ebenezer Baptist church, Amite County has the longest uninterrupted service in our state, being organized in 1806.

The Southern Baptist Convention has met in Mississippi only once, at Columbus, in 1881.

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N. A. Baptist Women Meet In Washington

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The Baptist World Alliance. Such involvement, Mrs. Bates said, calls for securing and disseminating knowledge of "conditions and problems both of the people next door and of you human family around the globe." And in such knowledge, women must become involved through giving, through prayer, and "finally by surrender of self."

"Have you ever considered," she asked, "what it would be like to go completely Christian; to be like the first Christians? They shared all they had — food, clothes, shelter, money — that none might want. The message of the risen Christ was all they lived for."

"It frightens me when I think of what it would mean to do just that. Yet I grieve as I realize how far short I fall. This is the 'conscience gap' of which some writers speak—the gap between my striving and my failure to achieve."

In another feature of the assembly's final session, the women elected a Canadian, Mrs. I. Judson Levy of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, to serve as their president the next five years. She is the wife of the dean of chapel of Acadia University.

Mrs. Mary O. Ross of Detroit, Mich., was named vice president. She is president of the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Mrs. Maurice A. Wessman of Sioux Falls, S. C., was named secretary, and Mrs. L. S. Casazza of Washington, D. C. was named treasurer.

The NABWU assembly also named five members-at-large to its Executive Committee, which conducts NABWU business in yearly meetings. They are Mrs. Walter Grosser, American Baptist from La Grange, Illinois; Mrs. Delmar L. Westler, Lorraine, Kansas; Wigginton, American Baptist from Philippi, West Virginia; Mrs. L. S. Gaillard, Sr., Birmingham, Alabama, member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; and Miss Edwina Robinson, Southern Baptist from Jackson, Mississippi.

A medical doctor, Dr. Robert A. Hingston of Cleveland, called on the women to help in vast immunization projects to protect peoples of the middle Americas against endemic diseases.

He demonstrated a jet inoculator he invented, capable of vaccinating 1,200 persons an hour, and reported it had saved thousands of lives in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras. Invitations for similar projects are in hand from the health ministries of Panama, Salvador, and Ecuador.

Kenneth Chafin, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, told the women he feared "non-Christians may be taking over the work of the church."

He observed that "Baptist

women are often guilty of long distance compassion. They have compassion for poverty in Nigeria, Hong Kong, and Manila. They look at slides a missionary shows and feel great sympathy. You can't smell poverty on a slide, but you can in your own community."

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, urged the women to develop a concern for all the world's peoples.

Two Worlds
There are actually two worlds, the Baptist leader said. "There is a world of trouble, with a lot of hollering about Christ but not much following. And there is a world with the people of God everywhere—scattered thinly in many places but they are everywhere."

In his look at the second world, he said he senses "a growing awareness that the church is the people of God, a growing understanding of the meaning of religious liberty, and a growing interest in evangelistic cooperation."

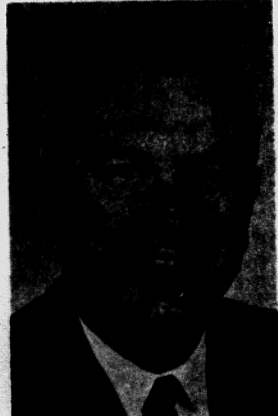
Miss Alma Hunt, acting president of the continental Union told the more than 1,000 women that "we must get our hands into the dirt to meet the needs of the day."

She urged that Baptists must work in defense of freedom, must work with an evangelistic zeal, and must seek restoration of the missionary zeal of the 18th century when the modern missionary movement began.

"We need to find more women to bridge the gap that separates Christians and non-Christians and also that gap that so often separates the honest differences between Baptists," she said.

Howard Thurman, a Negro theologian from San Francisco, former dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University, declared that "An encounter with the living God is the greatest event of life."

The things that you prefer will leave their essence in your life. You will grow into (Continued On Page 5)



NEW VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE: Richard M. Stevenson, former pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va., has been elected the new executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Effective Jan. 1, 1968, he will succeed Lucius M. Polhill.—BP Photo.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

The Lottie Moon Offering

The time is here for what probably is the largest special offering for foreign missions to be made annually by any Christian group in the world—The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This offering is made annually by Southern Baptists, under the leadership of their Woman's Missionary Union. The SBC goal this year is \$15,900,000 and the Mississippi goal is \$700,000.

This great love offering for world missions is made during the Christmas season, in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. In most churches the entire congregation joyfully participates in the giving.

The Lottie Moon Offering provides more than one-half of the total budget of the Southern Baptist Foreign Board, and thus has a vital part in the total Southern Baptist mission program as it extends around the world.

The Lottie Moon Offering works hand in hand with the Cooperative Program in providing support for foreign missions. It is not as important to the whole Baptist missionary task as the Cooperative Program, for that program supports all agencies and institutions of Southern Baptists and state Baptists, while the Lottie Moon Offering is especially designated for foreign missions. However, both are of major importance, and deserve the full support of every church and individual.

The Cooperative Program should be provided for in the church budget, and while special offerings may be made to it, basic support should come through the budget. On the other hand, the Lottie Moon Offering is a love offering, given out of the devotion to foreign mission work by all of our people. It should not be

in the church budget, but rather come as a special offering unto the Lord.

There never has been a time of greater need on the mission fields of the world. Let us all strive to make this the greatest Christmas of missionary giving, that Southern Baptists ever have known.

Convention Afterthoughts

Looking back at the "Revival Convention" one cannot forget the splendid music which featured every session. This included the congregational singing, led by some of the finest directors in the state; college choral groups which thrilled the audiences with their concerts; church choirs, the hospital and orphanage groups, quartets, soloists, etc. State Music Director Dan Hall, and all of those who worked with him in planning the music for the convention are to be congratulated for the splendid contribution they made.

Dr. Claude Rhea said at the close of the coliseum service that it had been easy to get singing from the great crowd. He added that sometimes it is hard to lead a large crowd to sing, but that was not so with this group.

The convention unanimously passed a resolution disapproving of the opening of the state fair on Sunday. We expect that this would represent the attitude of most of the Baptists of the state. The fair commission, however, is reported to have announced that the resolution was too late for next year's fair, since they had voted the day before the convention resolution to hold the 1968 fair on days including Sunday.

Maybe the plans cannot be changed for 1968, but most certainly they can be changed for 1969 and later years if enough people, Baptists and others, make their objections to Sunday opening known to the commission.

We wonder if any other state has as great a Youth Night program at its annual convention, as does Mississippi. We know that some other states have such programs, but have seen few reports concerning them.

Dr. W. A. Criswell said both to Dr. Quarles and to your editor, "I never have seen anything like this before." He commented on both the size of the crowd, and also the response of young people, especially the response to his final invitation for those who had dedicated their lives to the Lord to come forward for a special prayer, when nearly 2,000 young people crowded the front of the coliseum and the aisles leading toward it. It was a great hour, and we congratulate those convention leaders who promote this program each year. It always is one of the most successful parts of our state convention.

Witnessing To Masses

The plan of salvation needs to be presented clearly to every individual in the world. There are many ways of doing that, and media of today offer more opportunities than any generation has had heretofore.

One means of reaching large numbers with a message is the mass circulation magazines of today's world. Another is radio and television.

A Christian leader in Indiana has used a national magazine to proclaim the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Dr. Ford Porter of Indianapolis, and his organization, purchased one-half page in Life Magazine in its October 20 issue, to make a clear presentation of how to be saved.

We do not know what the response will be to this type of advertising, but we are confident that the Holy Spirit will take the message into some hearts among the millions of people who read the magazine.

Perhaps Southern Baptists could wisely spend some mission money in buying space in national news media to set forth the gospel of Christ and the way of salvation in Him.

We know that they most certainly can act wisely in continuing to enlarge the ministry of the Radio and Television Commission. Dollars used by this agency send the gospel message literally around the world.



Education Commission, SBC

"Naming our school in a will seems to be a guarantee of longevity," said a college president. He also frankly admitted, "We are trying to build good will and good will."

The private universities and colleges are in grave financial trouble. "Many," says Time Magazine (June 23, 1967), "are searching frantically to close a dollar gap that threatens their very existence."

Even the giants of American education feel threatened. Harvard has an endowment of \$900 million, yet its operating deficit for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences this year amounts to about \$1,000,000. Rice, the richest private university in the Southwest, will have a deficit of more than \$950,000 this year. Stanford foresees a possible annual shortage of \$2,000,000 by 1969.

One West Coast president predicts that 250 colleges will either merge with other institutions or collapse within the next five years.

Although two-thirds of the nation's colleges and universities are private, their share of student enrollment has slipped from 50% in 1950 to 35% today.

University of Chicago officials estimate that they spend \$13,000 a year to train a graduate student in medicine or biology who pays only \$1,000 in tuition. The University of Chicago provost says, "We are going to have to raise \$1,000,000 a week for as long as this university exists."

One is reminded of a definition of modern man. He has 1 wife, 2 cars, 3 children, 4 dogs, 5 credit cards—and is lucky if he has \$6 at the end of the month.

"Well, little man," said the kind woman to the boy beside her in the ocean, "you must not be afraid. Just splash in and swim." "I can't," said the boy. "You are standing on my flipper!"

"It bombs me out to realize that 50% of all the divorces of the world take place here in predominately Protestant America, and about 75% of the remainder are strongly tempted to break up."—Jess Moody.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- December 4 — George Lee, supt. of missions, Lawrence - Marion - Walthall; E. P. Burke, supt. of missions, Riverside Association.
- December 5 — Lillian Heiderhoff, Baptist Book Store; Minnie James, Baptist Book Store.
- December 6 — Mrs. Bonnie Graham, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Peggy Taylor, staff, Children's Village.
- December 7 — Mrs. Irma Brown, staff, Casey College; Mrs. Wilfred Taylor, faculty, Blue Mountain College.
- December 8 — Clarence H. Cutrell, Baptist headquarters; Betty Smith, Baptist Building.
- December 9 — Mrs. Doris Bryant, medical - surgical instructor; James H. Street, director of public relations, Clarke College.
- December 10 — Bennie Warren, Baptist student director, Perkinson Junior College; James V. Burnside, faculty, Mississippi College.

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IF LIFE WERE A MOVIE

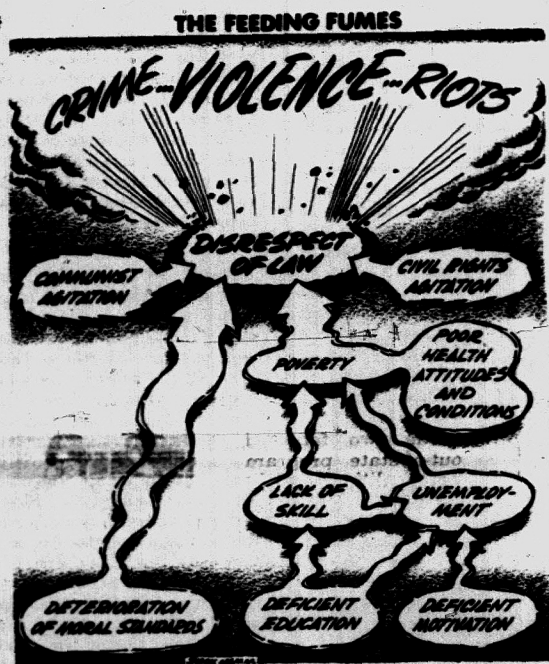
By Dr. Charles Myers

There are two things about the making of movies that stand out. The first one is the use of false fronts which give the appearance of complete buildings and cities. By keeping the camera in the right place, these false fronts can give worlds of money and success. The second thing is the frequent use of retakes. If everything is not just as the director wants it the first time, he can request another picture be made. No one need ever know that mistakes were made. The finished product, which is presented to the public, is free of glaring errors because of the retakes.

It would be sort of nice if life could be like this. If we could erect a front and keep people in a position where they could see only the front, it would be quite convenient. We would no longer have to worry about what our lives really were. We would just be concerned with a good front. When you stop to think about it, that is exactly what a lot of people do. They are not so successful as the movie makers, but they try to cover up a lot of trashy places with a good front. The only trouble with this is we do not fool God. He is never concerned with the false front or what we pretend to be. He looks through the entire building of our life and sees the whole structure as it actually is. We never deceive God with a false front; we only deceive ourselves.

It would also be wonderful if we could do retakes in real life. So many times in our dealings with people we make some mistake which we wish we could recall. If only it were possible to run that scene by again, we could make the changes and make it right. But life just does not work that way. What is done is done. And certainly when we think of God, we wish we could do a retake quite often. There are so many things we have done that cause us to be ashamed when we realize God has seen us. In fact our whole life at times makes us ashamed.

The wonderful news of the gospel is that we can do a retake. God tells us that, if we will come to Him with real sorrow in our hearts and ask forgiveness, He will not only forgive us, but He will completely forget every mistake we have made. He will give us a new life in Christ and will let us start all over again. He also promises that He will walk with us, and every time we make a mistake, He will forgive us if we ask and will help us to correct the mis-



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Ed Ames is well known to TV viewers as the Indian companion of Daniel Boone, but he also has a splendid baritone voice, which conveys many unusual qualities in this album. Sometimes it is haunting and tender, sometimes strong and vibrant. Most of the numbers are familiar and beloved carols but there are spirituals and others too.

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Trouble tries us.

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.

Opportunity often makes the thief.

Newest In Books

ROBERT G. LEE, The Authorized Biography by John E. Huss (Zondervan, 252 pp., \$5.95).

Those who have known and loved Dr. Lee through the years of his glorious ministry, will rejoice that many of his experiences have been recorded for posterity. Those who have not known him that well will find the enrichment and challenge of a great life in these pages. This is the second biography of this great pulpiteer and pastor to be written, the first appearing a number of years ago. This one tells some of the story not hitherto told, and also tells of the later years, after the other book was written. One-half of the book is given to the Bellevue years. In the first half one walks with Dr. Lee from the log cabin birthplace, through the formative years, to some of the leading pulpits of America. The latter part tells of Bellevue, depression days, victorious advance for Christ, the years as president of the SBC, and other experiences in the world-wide witness of this great dedicated servant of God. The final chapter is an interview with Dr. Lee and gives his views on many issues confronting Christianity today. There is inspiration and challenge in every page.

THE ECUMENICAL MIRAGE by G. Stanley Lowell (Baker, 205 pp., \$4.95).

Stanley Lowell is an associate director of POAU, and in that position has had opportunity to get a world view of movements now taking place in Christianity. He was an observer at Vatican II, the Roman Catholic council of a few years ago. In these pages he discusses the dream of the ecumenicals of forming one great world church. Those ecumenists dream of a united Christianity with Roman Catholicism included. The author's thesis is that that dream is a mirage. He documents his statements well, and proves his point that, while Rome talks more and with warmer attitude, she has not changed her doctrinal position, and the proposed ecumenism must be on her terms. He reveals the new freedom in Rome but shows that there are differences in Romanism and Protestantism, which cannot be bridged, except by compromise. This is an important book, and a MUST one for those who would fully understand present world ecumenical movements.

A SEARCH FOR STRENGTH by E. C. Brown, Jr. (Word Books, 126 pp., \$2.95).

This book is a testimony of the way one man found to face, and overcome, his trouble. Dr. Brown, professor at Southwestern Seminary, and his teen-age daughter were left alone after having lived

happily with a lovely, gracious, wife and mother. Suddenly they were seeking answers to the questions: Where is comfort? What is left to life? **A SEARCH FOR STRENGTH** is the triumphant story of this minister-prophet who had to test and validate the principles he had preached for years. The search is based on the principles of acceptance of responsibility for one's self, reliance on the power of God in individual life, and the creative use of meditation, music, and the ministry of prayer. While this book may not be a complete and general prescription for everyone's troubles, it certainly is a beautiful Christian witness, and will be applicable and helpful in many areas of sorrow and distress.

THE FIRST PERSON by Lehman Strauss (Loiseaux, 256 pp., \$3.25).

Devotional studies on God, the Father, emphasizing the Necessity for God, the Nature of God, and the Names of God. This timely book which began as an answer to a little son's question, "What is God like?", will provide an answer to any questioning mind or seeking soul.

LUKE, A STUDY GUIDE by Virtas E. Gideon (Zondervan, paperback, 128 pp., \$1.00).

A concise, yet complete expository work, written by a professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

JOHN, THE GOSPEL OF FAITH by Everett F. Harrison (Moody, paperback, 128 pp., \$1.95).

Each passage is considered in its proper sequence, and attention is given to key verses, difficult portions and sections which merit special comment.

ROBERT E. LEE by Margaret Sanborn (J. B. Lippincott, Volume I, 353 pp., \$7.95; Volume II, 430 pp., \$8.95).

This two-volume biography of the great general makes a very handsome set indeed. **ROBERT E. LEE, A Portrait 1807-1861**, reveals the very real man behind "the statue in the square." It shows Lee as "exuberant youth, tender lover, devoted husband, gay father, humanitarian, educator, philosopher." **ROBERT E. LEE, The Complete Man, 1861-1870**, covers the last ten years of Lee's life, when he led the Confederate forces and, after the war, served as president of Washington College. Lee's daughter, Mildred, was with her father when he died, and her recollections, taken from her journal, are published here for the first time. Both volumes are indexed, and are profusely illustrated with photographs and drawings.

HOW TO STAY ALIVE ALL YOUR LIFE by C. W. Franke (Zondervan, 135 pp., \$3.95).

The pastor - author of this book shows the Christian how and why he should enjoy life more than anyone else, and appeals to the unbeliever by showing him that the Christian life is "not dull habit but dynamic hilarity."

RIVERS AMONG THE ROCKS by Margaret Clarkson (Moody, 95 pp., \$1.95).

A book of poetic meditations by the author of the song, "So Send I You." The subject matter of this poetry centers on the Lord Himself and on the privileges and responsibilities of those who would follow Him.



States Grapple With Questions

Tennessee Holds Quiet Session

MEMPHIS (BP) — During what some convention observers called a "quiet but good" session, Tennessee Baptists adopted a record budget and approved a resolution urging support for fighting men in Vietnam.

The resolution affirmed "our faith and support of them (the Vietnam fighting men); as they perform their duty in the fight against tyranny."

The brief resolution noted that many of the American men who are "fighting and dying in Vietnam" are in many instances Tennesseans or men trained in one of the military installations in Tennessee.

A 1968 budget of \$5 million, an increase of \$400,000 over the 1967 budget, was approved, allocating one-third of the budget to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

New Mexico Honors Stagg, Studies Alien Immersion

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP) — The New Mexico Baptist Convention meeting here paid tribute to the man who has served as its executive secretary for 30 years, and adopted a motion calling for a study of the need for a constitutional amendment to bar churches that practice alien immersion.

Special recognition was given to Harry P. Stagg, who is retiring as executive secretary of the convention effective Feb. 1, but with "terminal leave" effective Dec. 1.

He has served longer than any other executive secretary of the Southern Baptist affiliated state convention. R. I. Bradford of Santa Fe, N. M., is his successor.

Stagg was presented a love gift of \$2,500 and a bound volume of letters expressing appreciation for his service. Testimonials concerning Stagg were presented by members of his family, the state convention staff, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School Board and Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Without debate or discussion, the convention approved a motion by Charles Killough, pastor of First Baptist Church

in Hobbs, N. M., asking for appointment of a special committee to study and report next year on the alien immersion question.

The motion asked that the committee consider whether a constitutional change is necessary "to safeguard Baptist principles of convention membership against the alien immersion question should it become a factor in the future."

A resolution "pledging our undying gratitude and support" to the U. S. armed forces, especially those in Vietnam was adopted by the convention. Another resolution opposed lowering restrictions in New Mexico which might permit sale of liquor on Sunday.

The convention also approved a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$638,000, an increase of \$18,000 over the 1967 goal. The budget allocates 27 per cent to Southern Baptist causes.

OBU Stir Marks Oklahoma Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Oklahoma Baptists, in the heat of a much-publicized controversy over an independent student publication at Oklahoma Baptist University, were advised in their annual convention to "recapture the concept of personal freedom."

The advice came from convention President J. M. Gaskin of Durant, Okla., and was prompted by the protest of a group of Baptist ministers over the content of an unofficial publication printed by four students at the Baptist School in Shawnee.

Although no action was taken by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma concerning the student publication, the controversy permeated the sessions, and numerous speakers referred to it.

The convention gave a standing ovation to Oklahoma Baptist University President Grady Cothen following a speech outlining his own stand and the need for Baptist support of education.

Students, he said, are revolted by the hypocrisy of church members, and added that Christians must not dissipate their energies on small

issues. "We have lost all the young people we can afford to lose."

"If we cannot learn to love one another, there is no hope for this generation," Cothen said.

Earlier during the week, the Oklahoma (City) County Baptist Pastors Conference had adopted a resolution expressing support for Cothen and his ability to handle administratively the issue.

The controversy raged over unauthorized publication of a monthly magazine called "The Pluralist" which featured on the cover a picture of a bikini-clad girl, a hippy, and a guitarist standing behind a communion table. Caption was "Where Is The Church."

In what was described by most convention observers as the strongest address of the convention, Gaskin said that "the right of dissent is almost regarded as heresy by some, but it must be preserved as part of the very fiber of democratic process."

In resolutions adopted by the convention, the convention voted to express approval of Oklahoma Baptist Messenger Editor Jack L. Gritz for his editorial campaign against "dirty movies" on television during "prime family viewing time."

The resolution called for television networks and local stations to delete such movies from their programming.

Arizona Sets Convention Study, Decreases Budget

TUCSON, Ariz. (BP) — The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention meeting here authorized a total study of the convention's programs, and voted to decrease its budget in line with anticipated contributions from the churches next year.

The convention adopted a budget of \$657,616 with a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$373,392 for 1968, comparing to the 1967 budget of \$682,318, a decrease of \$34,702.

Reason given for the decrease was the effect of copper strikes on Baptist churches in Arizona, and the result-

ing decrease in contributions to the convention. Of the statewide goal of \$383,000 this fiscal year, only \$362,000 was received.

The proposed budget decreases the percentage going to Southern Baptist world mission causes from 21 per cent to 18 per cent of the statewide Cooperative Program goal. If the convention goes beyond its budget, 57 per cent of the overage would go to SBC causes.

The recommended budget from the convention's Executive Board of a total budget of \$644,000 was amended to a total of \$657,000 so that salaries could be kept at the present level.

During the address of the convention's executive secretary, Charles McKay proposed appointment of a special committee to make a study of the total work of the convention.

The committee, appointed by the convention president, will be composed of 15 pastors and 10 laymen. Frank Gillham, pastor in Tempe, Ariz., will be committee chairman.

The committee will investigate such areas as the convention's constitution, property, relationships between agencies, boards and committees, finances of the convention, and staff personnel. Quarterly reports will be made to the convention's Executive Board.

One motion asked that the convention sell its hospitals and sever its relationships with all hospital ministries, but a substitute motion was approved referring it to the study committee.

Alabama Sets Special Studies On Colleges

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — The Alabama Baptist State Convention authorized a special educational advisory committee to study issues relating to three Alabama Baptist colleges during the convention's 145th annual session here.

Main areas of consideration for the committee will be the educational institutions to the denomination, and the problem of adequate and equitable support for the schools.

The study, which involved Judson College in Marion, Samford University in Birmingham, and Mobile College here, will be conducted by a committee headed by James Landes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham.

In other actions, several proposed constitutional changes, a record \$6½ million budget, and the 1969 Crusade of the Americas shared the convention spotlight.

A concern for a larger voice by more people in denominational affairs was heard in discussions to alter the present method of members of boards of trustees, but the convention rejected a recommendation which would have increased the committee that nominates the members from nine to 76 members.

After lengthy debate, the convention voted to name a 10-man committee to report back on any constitutional changes.

Two of the convention's schools were authorized to borrow funds from private sources, but not from the federal government, for student and faculty housing. Loans totaling \$700,000 were authorized for Judson College, and \$1 million in loans were approved for Samford University.

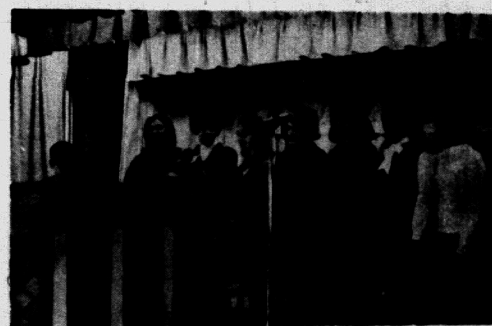


AMONG THE PROGRAM PERSONALITIES—Left to right, Norman Rodgers, associate, Training Union Department; Bill Latham, associate, Training Union Department; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria; Paul Adams, minister of music and youth, First Church, Starkville; Leland Hayes, minister of education, Harrisburg, Tupelo; Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor, First, Kosciusko. Mr. Rodgers directed the program.



AT CLARKE — Kermit King, director, Training Union Department, shakes hands with A. L. McLaughlin, Clarke College biology professor. Standing behind Mr. King are Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Frank Boggs, evangelistic singer and recording artist from Atlanta, Georgia, who were on the program.

At The Dedicated Youth Conference



ENSEMBLE, GIRLS' SECTION — Left to right, Clyde David Brooks, pianist, Magee; Linda Taylor, West Point; Judi Simmons, Decatur; Gale Smith, Grenada; Margaret Johnson, Jackson; Patricia Brasel, Greenwood; Susan Fulton, Greenwood; Grace Harrell, Monticello. The Conference Ensemble is made up of high school students from all parts of the state, selected through special auditions in the spring.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP — Left to right, Gladys Bryant, student director, East Central Junior College, Decatur; Klydell Singletary, Triana Code; Candy Hood, John Temple, all from Starkville; Evelyn George, associate, Training Union Department.

Women Meet

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their likeness, the soft-spoken speaker and writer said. And then he added, "the name of the one you serve will be written on your brow."

Sen. Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.), introduced the involvement theme at the conference's opening session. He paid tribute to the role of women in bringing America to its present standard of greatness through their guidance in the home.

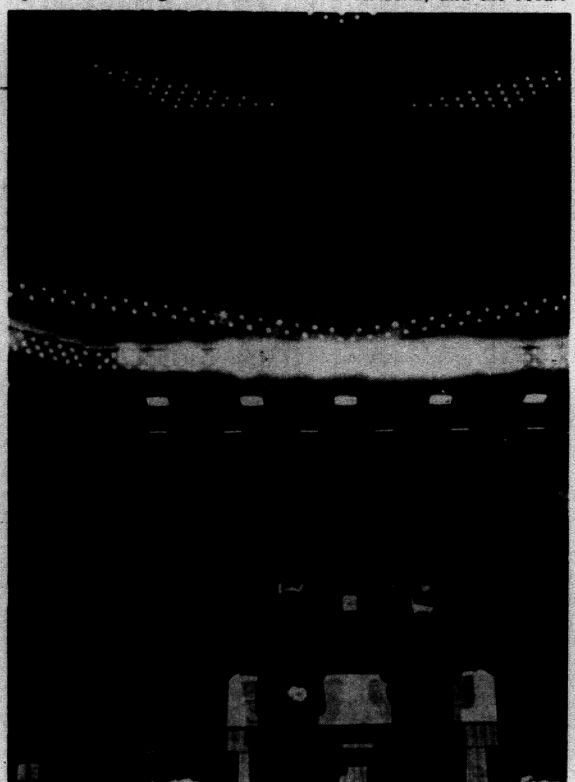
He urged them to become more involved in civic, church and government affairs—and reminded them that there are four million more women of voting age than men in the United States.

"The involvement we need," the senator said, "is not just hit-and-miss workers and so-called nice people, but women who are stimulating, informed, competent and self-disciplined Christ-centered citizens." Their involvement might tremendously offset the "activities of the hippies, the riotous demonstrations, and crime in the streets," he said.

Music for the three day meeting was directed by Mrs. John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., wife of a Kansas City pastor and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Sen. Randolph, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, noted the inter-Baptist nature of the continental assembly and observed: "There is a unity under the Baptist umbrella that does not lead to uniformity. Our differences do not weaken the Baptist movement, but strengthen it."

The union is a division of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance and holds meetings every five years.



JAPANESE RESPONSE — Evangelist Billy Graham (left) and his interpreter, Dr. Akira Hatori, stand before an overflow audience in Tokyo's Budokan. Mr. Graham who began his Crusade International October 20 in the world's most populated city of eleven million people drew largest crowds for a Christian event in the history of Japan. Night after night thousands of persons were turned away because of limited space in the 17,500 seats sports arena. Mr. Graham said the response in Tokyo during the first three days was the greatest he has ever experienced in the world. The Crusade continued through October 29. (Crusade Information Service Photo by Russ Busby)

Beatitudes For Friends Of The Aged

By ESTHER MARY WALKER

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and lids are slow.
Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the Cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

The Crusade Of The Americas

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Questions that will reach 75 per cent of America's population will be budgeted by the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. A gospel appeal will close the telecasts. The unsaved will be urged to write in. Materials concerning Southern Baptists, the Crusade, and personal salvation will be sent to all inquirers. Lists of inquirers will be sent to local pastors through denominational channels. The Radio and Television Commission will give both financial and technical assistance.

PROJECT 500 IS NEW & DRAMATIC. Five hundred new churches will be launched in connection with the Crusade. The most needed and most promising sites will be secured and the work launched. This is a project of the Missions Division of the Home Mission Board. They will work with state conventions and associations in providing the necessary assistance. One emphasis of the Crusade will be "STARTING NEW CHURCHES." Local churches, associations, state conventions, and the Missions Division of the Home Mission Board will be alive to other opportunities to start new churches not included in Project 500.

THE THEME IS NEW & DRAMATIC. "Christ the Only Hope." In the Americas Baptists are saying by testimony, by placards, by tracts, by posters, by broadcasts, by telecasts, "Christos a Unica Esperanza," "Christo La Unica Esperanza," "Christ the Only Hope." Appointed Baptists will see every national president, every state governor, and every large city mayor, present them with a

New Testament, answer questions about the Crusade, and tell them, "Christ the Only Hope." We hope to throw this theme against the dark background of world pessimism and disorder as vividly as a flash of lightning against a dark ominous cloud.

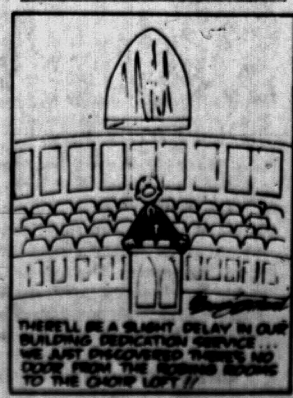
INVOLVEMENT IS NEW AND DRAMATIC. The Baptist bodies now officially connected with the Crusade number more than 20,000,000! North American Coordinator Wayne Dehoney says that more Baptists are involved in the Crusade of the Americas than have been involved in any concerted Christian effort since the days of the New Testament. Every board and agency has been involved in the Southern Baptist Convention through the Denominational Emphasis Committee. All the educational resources of the Sunday School Board have been co-opted for the Crusade. From the tip of the cone of South America to the mission at Kiana, Alaska, far above the Arctic Circle, there is and will be involvement in the Crusade of the Americas.

TWO THRUSTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM ARE NEW AND DRAMATIC. In the fall of 1968 there will be a nation-wide search for prospects and a nation-wide enlistment visitation. An effort will be made to discover every possibility and enroll them for Bible Study. Guidance materials for these two projects for the local church will be provided by the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the first major thrust in Sunday School enrollment since "A Million More in '54." Forty major metropolitan centers in the United States

have been designated as sites for Major Metropolitan Crusade of the Americas Rallies. These rallies will provide motivation and inspiration to members of the church councils to lead the church in intensive preparation for the revivals in the churches. One thousand other rallies in associations will be identical in program but will be schedule and conducted by state and associational leadership. The major rallies are a joint project of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and state evangelism and Sunday School departments. Twenty-eight thousand dollars has been budgeted to finance the Major Metropolitan Rallies.

Yes, the Crusade of the Americas is new and dramatic. No, it is not just another simultaneous revival.

Blue Mountain College, established in 1873 by General M. P. Lowrey is the oldest Baptist college for women in Mississippi, now in existence.





TO ARCHIVES — Dean Allen W. Graves (left) of the school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, shows Librarian Leo T. Crismon the bound volume of Minutes from the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. The complete official record of the association's business during its entire lifetime has been deposited permanently in the James P. Boyce Memorial Library at the Baptist seminary. Dean Graves was the president of the organization when it merged with the American Association of Theological Schools in 1965. Looking on are order librarians Paul Debusman (left) and religious education doctoral student Bill Clemmons, missionary to Italy on furlough. (BP) Photo



LOUISVILLE, KY. — R. Inman Johnson, professor of speech and church music for forty-five years at Southern Seminary, reminisces with first year student Alice Garrett, granddaughter of the legendary Southern Seminary professor W. O. Carver. Carver, who founded the first department of missions in the United States at Southern Seminary, had encouraged Johnson as a young boy to enter the ministry. Later he was Johnson's professor at Southern Seminary before Johnson joined the teaching staff in 1920. Now an emeritus professor at Southern, Johnson delivered the sixty-first annual Founders' Day address at Fall convocation. Miss Garrett is the daughter of the Maxfield Garretts, missionaries to the Orient. The monument, now located in front of Mullins Hall, contains stones from New York Hall, the seminary's early dormitory downtown (1888-1926).

750 PORTUGUESE PROFESS FAITH

According to incomplete reports, more than 750 persons made professions of faith in Christ during a nationwide Baptist evangelistic campaign in Portugal, October 8-22.

"In most of the 36 participating churches and missions, it was common for the number of visitors each evening to exceed the total church membership," reports Dr. Grayson C. Tennison, Southern Baptist missionary. "Auditoriums were filled to capacity, and often overflow crowds went to adjoining rooms to listen."

Extensive publicity was given to the campaign. The 1,750 members of churches related to the Portuguese Baptist Convention went from door to door distributing 250,000 tracts and 250,000 invitations with the addresses of churches and schedules of services. "Of special significance were write-ups of the campaign in four of Lisbon's daily papers," says Dr. Tennison. "This was the first time the Portuguese press has recognized an evangelistic crusade among Protestants."

A woman who attended the campaign at Second Baptist Church, Lisbon, explained how the publicity affected her: "I saw your wall posters and huge billboards scattered over the city. Each day the papers carried a big ad of your activities. Then at my home I received an invitation from your church. I had to come see what was happening!"

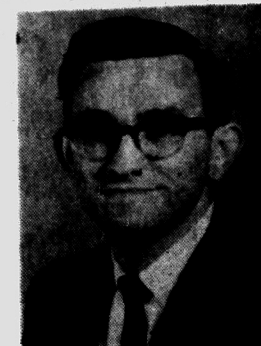
A woman in the small town of Tomar received a personal

invitation of a different sort, a letter from her daughter telling about a Baptist neighbor in Lisbon. "Dona Maria belongs to a Baptist church like the one in Tomar," wrote the daughter. "Since she started attending, her life is different. She faces each day with a patience and calm you and I do not possess. She has something we do not. Mother, why don't you go to the Baptist church in Tomar?"

The Tomar church, with less than 40 members, reported 18 conversions during the campaign.

"The outreach and overflow of these days of special emphasis cannot be limited to statistics," continued Dr. Tennison. "The renewal of evangelistic zeal on the part of the 'man in the pew' is another blessing."

"By nature the Portuguese are reserved and rather timid, and this sometimes is a barrier in person-to-person witness. One Baptist woman said that although she had long been concerned about other residents of her apartment building, it took the campaign to give her courage to speak to them."



REV. ARCHIE DAVID FLEMING has resigned from the pastorate of the Mt. Gilead Church to accept the pastorate of the Pine Grove Church (both in Lauderdale County.) His new address is Route 2, Collinsville.

French Rally

Douai, in northern France —intimately linked with the Roman Catholic Church for having given its name to the Douai Version, popular Catholic translation of the Bible into English—was the scene of a Baptist evangelistic rally October 1, when nearly 600 persons from churches of the area assembled in the city arena. The third in a series of rallies, its main purpose was to encourage Baptists to get ready for a simultaneous evangelistic campaign planned for March, 1968.

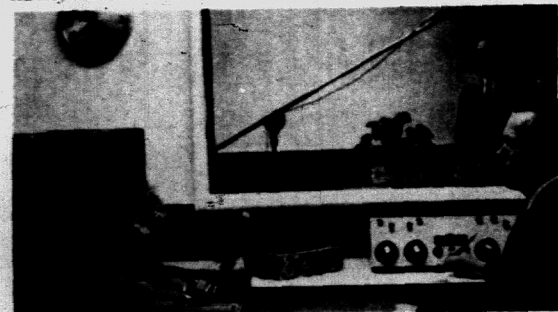
Lebanon Baptist Radio Studio Dedicated

The new Baptist recording studio in Beirut, Lebanon, established to provide a radio ministry throughout the Arabic-speaking world, was dedicated September 16. Ceremonies were attended by members from every Baptist church in Lebanon except the most distant one, in Tripoli, which sent a congratulatory telegram.

The studio is located on the campus of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, high up a mountain overlooking Beirut and the blue Mediterranean Sea. At a dedication service in the seminary chapel, Rev. E. Wesley Miller, Southern Baptist missionary radio-television representative for Europe and the Middle East, spoke on "The Challenge of a New Opportunity." Then all present made a processional to the studio, where a Lebanese pastor offered a prayer dedicating the new facilities to the Lord.

During the following week

the studio sponsored a conference and workshop for missionaries, pastors, and writers who will be engaged in producing religious programs in Arabic. Scripts for the first programs were recorded during workshop sessions. They will be broadcast beginning in January over Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo.



DR. DAVID W. KING operates controls at the new Baptist radio recording studio in Beirut, Lebanon, while Rev. E. Wesley Miller waits in the recording booth. Dr. King, Southern Baptist missionary to Lebanon, directs the studio; Mr. Miller, missionary radio-television representative for Europe and the Middle East, designed it and installed the equipment.

Dr. David W. King, missionary to Lebanon, directs the studio, which is operated by the Arab Baptist General Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon and Jordan). Mr. Miller (headquartered in Ruschlikon, Switzerland) designed the studio and installed the equipment.

Frank Lawton Joins Staff Of SBCBrotherhood

Frank W. Lawton of Carthage, Miss., joined the staff of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention Dec. 1 as a field service consultant in boys' work.

Lawton, minister of education and music at Carthage's First Church, will help develop a program of missionary education for boys 6-8 in Southern Baptist churches.

Woman's Missionary Union asked the Brotherhood Commission last year to begin offering missionary education guidance materials for boys 6-8 by October 1, 1970 in keeping with a new grading-grouping plan for Southern Baptist churches. The Brotherhood Commission accepted the assignment.

Lawton is a graduate of Mississippi College. He holds a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Seminary.

Before moving to Carthage, Lawton held similar posts and was pastor at other Mississippi churches. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and spent much of his youth in Tigerville and Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Lawton is the former Lois Eubanks, of Lucedale, Miss.

BM ORGANIZES NEW R. E. CLUB

Blue Mountain College has launched a new program method of acquainting its students of the Department of Religious Education with inspiration, instruction, and firsthand experiences in various church-related vocations. The new program has come about by the organization of a club called, Kinonia, which means fellowship.

Under the leadership of Dr. James L. Travis, Head of the Religious Education Department of Blue Mountain College, the fellowship club holds monthly meetings and has guest speakers from many fields of service to explain their work to members, thus helping them to find places of special service.

On Thursday, November 16, Richard Donald Hammonds, of the Home Mission Board staff, Atlanta, Ga., spoke to the Kinonia members about his work as Associate Secretary of the Department of Special Mission Ministries.

Mr. Hammonds told of his work and illustrated his experiences with brochures, pictures, and other materials. He told of his travels in the interest of the Mission of Ministries of the Home Mission Board.

He gave a morning chapel discussion on the same day, as all students, faculty, and staff attended, and he devoted the early afternoon to conferences with students interested in Home Missions.

Mr. Hammonds, a native of Eatonton, Georgia, is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and received his Master of Student Counseling degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, at Hattiesburg.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized in 1836.

The Mississippi Baptist Association was the first to be organized in our state. Date of organization 1860.

GOOD NEWS IN VIETNAM

By James P. Humphries

A stranger would have thought the excitement of Southern Baptist missionaries gathered for weekly prayer in Saigon, Vietnam, was caused by the earthshaking mortar attack in nearby fields and rice paddies. But the excitement was generated by a different kind of "break-through."

Peyton Moore, who has worked long and hard to begin radio evangelism, reported that the first taped Baptist program was ready for distribution to Vietnamese stations.

Bob Davis said he would have to leave early to see about some rented church property which had been offered for sale. Previously it was not for sale at any price.

Ron Fuller could hardly wait to share the news that Hong Kong Baptists were

sending a missionary to the estimated 1,000,000 Chinese in the Saigon area.

Rachel James, in the absence of her husband Sam, head of theological work, reported the seminary was ready to open.

Herman Hayes, business manager, announced that a missionary residence was available for long-term lease at a price far below the going rate. His wife Dottie was eager to report progress toward opening a Baptist clinic. Located near a chapel, it will help hundreds of Vietnamese now without medical care.

As we turned to the Lord in thanksgiving, we also remembered good news from other mission stations in Vietnam. At Danang, 8,000 Vietnamese had heard the gospel during a week-long evangelistic campaign led by Lewis Myers and Ron Merrell. And Bob

Compher and Walter Routh reported 20 conversions at Camranh, our newest station.

Yes, we missionaries in Vietnam are seeing opportunities all around. But we will have to neglect them unless we get help.

The United States recently committed 45,000 more troops to Vietnam. Is it asking too much of Southern Baptists to send 20 new missionaries?

"The modern church can parade a galaxy of gimmicks. We use these to pump up the tire but we never patch the leak. This is why pastors serve a congregation of Neurotics Unanimous who walk down the psychopath, live in the psychocottage, and need to rest in the shade of the old psychiatry."—Jess Moody.



ADDED SCENES FOR "BILL WALLACE OF CHINA"

Hong Kong: The riots here early last spring prohibited the Logos Producers from shooting street scenes which had any political implications; however Gregory Wallace is presently in Hong Kong filming additional scenes mainly touching the arrest and imprisonment of Doctor Wallace. The actor-producer was unable to secure police permission for the movie crew to work on the street. The Colony is still under tremendous tension as a result of the recent bombings. The above scene of "Wallace being paraded through Wauchow still wearing his pajamas" was filmed by a hidden camera from a second floor window using a 250mm "zoom" lens. The additional scenes will lengthen the theatrical feature approximately ten minutes. The World Premier is scheduled for late January at the Tennessee Theater in Knoxville. An Invitational-Benefit is being sponsored by the University of Tennessee to establish a William Wallace Memorial Fund.

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Italian Baptists Face "New Times"



DR. MANFREDI RONCHI, outgoing president of the Italian Baptist Union, expresses appreciation in the name of the Union to Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, Southern Baptist missionaries, for their 30 years of service in Italy. Others pictured are Mario Girolami (front, left), treasurer of the Union; Missionary Ben Lawton (front, right); and (back, l to r) Mario Marziale, vice-president of the Santa Severa Assembly; Dr. Piero Bensi, Italian Baptist secretary of evangelism; Rev. Nando Camellini, secretary of the Union; and Dr. Carmelo Inguanti, new president of the Union.

By Benjamin R. Lawton
RIVOLI, Italy — Delegates to the recent biennial assembly of Italian Baptist churches, at Santa Severa, came away feeling that the four crowded days spent together were a preview of new times.

Four new pastors were presented. All have completed their studies at the Italian Baptist theological seminary



REV. BENNY THOMPSON was ordained to the ministry at Longview Church, Oktibbeha County, Sunday afternoon, November 5. Rev. Bill Stroud, pastor of Longview, brought the message. Rev. Thompson Pitts, pastor of Morgan Chapel, led the ordination prayer. The Bible was presented by Rev. Jimmy Horton, pastor of Adgton. Rev. Donald Buckner, pastor of Hebron gave the charge to the preacher, and Rev. Bill Nimmmons of First Church, Oklawaha, gave the charge to the church. The ordination request was made by Cedar Bluff Church, Clay County, where Thompson is serving as pastor. Mrs. Thompson is the former Cindy Stroud.

EVANSVILLE BURNS NOTE

Evansville Church, Coldwater, celebrated Sunday, November 26, as "Homecoming and Building Fund Day". Rev. Charles Stubblefield, a former pastor and now pastor at Crowder, delivered the message for the occasion. A meal was served by the ladies of the church at noon.

To celebrate the paying-off during last year of bonds issued in 1963, a bond-burning ceremony was featured in the day's program.

Longview Has New Baptistry

Four Oktibbeha County churches held a joint baptismal service October 29 in the new baptistry of the Longview Church. Those participating and the number from each church was: Longview 16; Pleasant Ridge 1; New Hope 2; and Wake Forest 1.

social problems and armed conflicts was formulated. Definite plans were made for five months of preparation leading up to the nationwide evangelistic crusade to take place in March and April, 1968.

A new president was elected, Dr. Carmelo Inguanti, pastor in Milan and professor of church history at the Rivoli seminary. He succeeds Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, of Rome.

The assembly demonstrated a deep appreciation for colleagues who have helped lead Italian Baptists through transition from a missionary-directed work in the 1930's to the fully responsible national Baptist union of today.

A special service of recognition was held for Dr. Ronchi, an officer of the Union for 20 years, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, Southern Baptist missionaries who for 30 years have planned, prayed, and worked for the new era.

"What is the most important letter in our alphabet? Morris Ernst and Malcolm A. Hoffman have written a booklet which tells us that 'W' is of first importance because it introduces the most important words in the language: 'who,' 'what,' 'which,' 'why,' and 'when.'"



Education, A Family Affair

THE TWO PHOTOS above look like a double take, but they are not. They are pictures of two William Carey College families who are making Christian education a "family affair." Top photo: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Presher and their daughter, Dottie; at bottom are Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Spalding and daughter, Wanda. Both men are studying for the Baptist ministry, and their wives and daughters are enrolled as regular students also.

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—What God Requires Of Man Worship Through Remembrance

By Clifton Allen
Micah 1-3; 6

Micah was another of the eighth-century Hebrew prophets. His ministry was in Judah. He was from Moreh, near Gath and was a younger contemporary of Isaiah. The "Book of Micah" is the last of the prophetic books of the eighth century. The people of Judah, like those of Israel, were guilty of idolatry and gross injustice. Micah declared that he was full of the power of the Spirit of the Lord to announce the certainty of God's judgment on the nation.

The Lesson Explained
GOD'S QUESTION (vv. 1-5)
Micah describes the Lord's controversy with his people. It was like an indictment or a case in court—to be decided in the light of the evidence. God challenged the people of Judah with a question: wherein had he failed in his covenant relationship? The people were challenged to present facts if such could be presented in defense of their waywardness. Of course, there had been no failure with God. He reminded the people of his deliverance of Israel from bondage in Egypt and of the mercies and blessings he had showered on the children of Israel in connection with the exodus from Egypt and the entrance into Canaan. By many righteous acts of judgment and mercy, he sought to discipline and instruct them and bind them to him in fidelity. But the people of Israel had been stubbornly rebellious, had been ungrateful for God's merciful protection, and had made mockery of obedience to God's commandments.

MAN'S QUESTION (vv. 6-7)
Micah uses a dramatic technique to present the response of the people of Judah. Confronted by the announcement of impending judgment, the people ask, "What does the Lord require of us?" They present their side of the case. How shall they come before the Lord in worship? How can they be accepted by God? Are they to come with sacrifices for burnt offerings? Will it please God if their sacrifices are lavishly generous, even thousands of rams or ten thousands of rivers of oil. Should they offer their own children in sacrifice to atone for their sins? The questions of the people showed their false concept of God and of their relationship to him. None of the things they mentioned met the requirements of God. Acceptance by God is never achieved by the forms of religion. God wants the self.

GOD'S ANSWER (v. 8)

This is one of the greatest pronouncements in the Bible. Speaking for God, Micah describes what is meant by the good life and tells what the Lord does require of his children. The first requirement of God is "to do justly." This means doing right, acting uprightly, being honest in all dealings, and being pure in all practices. God's second requirement is "to love mercy." It is not enough to do right in the sense of not doing evil. The life acceptable to God must be marked by loving-kindness, which means an attitude of goodwill, showing consideration and kindness toward other persons, being merciful and forgiving, and sharing with others in need. God's third requirement is "to walk humbly with thy God." This is God's highest demand. It calls for reverential respect, adoration, trust, obedience, and loyalty. We are to adore God reverently and obey him gladly. We are to acknowledge our dependence upon him and trust him. We are to walk with him in agreement and allegiance.

True religion is not something negative but positive: It is first of all a right attitude toward God involving trust and obedience. Next, it is a matter of personal character or moral goodness. Finally, it is a matter of kindness and helpfulness toward others. When we consider this in the light of the coming of Christ and of his teaching, we, of course, understand that God's requirement calls for receiving Christ by faith and following him as Lord.

Truths to Live By

Infidelity toward God is without excuse.—The people of God can never justify their disobedience and waywardness. God's commandments mark out clearly what is right and what is wrong. God made the supreme gift through the sacrifice of his Son on the cross that men might be delivered from the bondage of evil and received into the family of God. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are empowered by his Spirit, so that they are no longer helpless victims of their own weakness and of Satan's power.

God's requirements call for full dedication.—The essence of these requirements is ethical integrity, social compassion, and spiritual piety. The people of God are meant to live in their personal behavior and in their interpersonal relationships according to God's standards for righteousness and justice.

The good life finds its fulfillment in Christian faith.—The good life is not self-achievement, not simply moral rectitude, not just humanitarian service, but self-surrender to the lordship of

By Bill Duncan
1 Cor. 11: 17-32
Reality of Worship
Remembrance of Worship
Reverence of Worship

"This do in remembrance of me," is inscribed on the communion table in front of many auditoriums. This statement is present all the time, not only to remind us of the purpose of the table, but of the Christ we worship.



Lord's Supper is considered by Baptists to be a symbolic worship service. That is, the elements of the supper are symbolic of the body and the blood of Christ.

The Lord's Supper is to be observed, as Jesus stated, as a memorial of Him. It is not a sacrament and should never be so called, because the word sacrament generally refers to saving grace. The observance of the Lord's Supper brings no saving efficacy. The reverent observance of this meaningful memorial will be a constant reminder and a silent witness of His death until He comes again.

Reality of Worship

The early church had a custom of meeting together for a common meal called the Love Feast. This was a time of sharing and fellowship. The art of sharing at their feast had long been lost at Corinth. The rich were not sharing their food but eating it in a class-conscious clique. As a result, the poor had very little to eat. This action caused Paul to bring strong rebuke upon them. After such a meal, the church was observing the Lord's Supper. In the spirit of exclusiveness and jealousy, the group tried to worship God by observing the Lord's Supper.

This passage throws light on the way the service was conducted and the theology of the occasion. The occasion of the observance was an actual meal rather than a token meal which we use. Even Jesus in beginning the observance used the Passover for the occasion. However, the way they ate their meal is what caused the criticism by Paul. The Corinthians did not even practice the standard of the heathen who had similar meals. The Corinthians ate before the neighbors arrived, and as a result the poor went hungry and the rich drank too much. Paul reminded the people that they had homes to satisfy their hunger and thirst. Their behavior had

caused criticism of the church, and as a result dignity had been taken out of the church. There is no room for praise for the church in this type of worship.

Reminder of Worship

It is almost certain that this account was written before the gospel account and is the earliest written account of the observance of the Lord's Supper. Paul gives as the source of the original instructions the revelation from the Lord. Therefore, by restating the instruction, he hopes to remedy the abuse of the Lord's Supper. The happenings in the upper room are given in the simplicity of Jesus' own words.

The elements—bread and wine—speak of the simple elements that could be at any Palestinian meal. The bread stands for the body which willingly was broken. The cup speaks of the new covenant spoken of in Jeremiah 31:3-34. This covenant is not of law but of love. The covenant was sealed by Christ's own sacrificial atoning death. The wine speaks of the completeness of the law and the old covenant. The old covenant depended upon man's ability to keep the law, but the new covenant depended upon the free grace of the love of God offered to man. The extreme price of the life of Jesus was necessary to make possible the new covenant's new relationship between man and God. When Christians come together and observe the service of the Lord's Supper, Christ's death for men is set forth in word and symbol. Robertson and Plumer said "The Eucharist (Lord's Supper) is an acted out sermon, an acted proclamation of the death it commemorates."

"Till He comes," reminds us of the eschatological aspect of the Lord's Supper. It keeps us mindful not only of the Lord's first coming, when He suffered for our sins, but also of His second advent, when He will come to take us unto Himself.

Reverence of Worship

Paul begins now to speak of how the Lord's Supper should be conducted. The observance is charged with deep and sacred meaning and should be observed with unflinching reverence. The eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood, the very person of Christ as expressed in the symbols. Unworthily is an adverb. It refers not to the man, but to the manner in which he participates; not to his character, but to his conduct at the supper.

Some feel that they are not worthy. However hard one tries he can never be worthy (Continued On Page 8)

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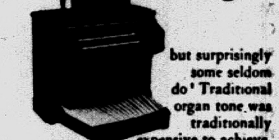


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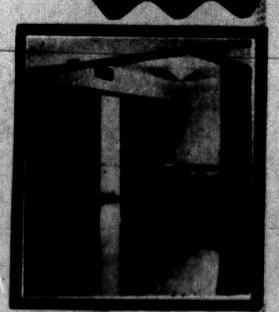
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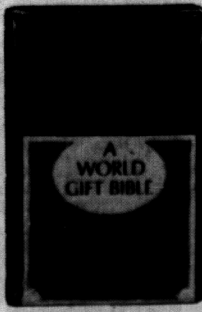
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DEVOTIONAL

"Just To Be A Friend"

By John W. Flowers, Pastor, First, Senatobia

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." Proverbs 18:24a Mere acquaintance does not constitute friendship, though it transcends the chain of years. Friendship is that ascetic quality of life which, like a stone tossed into a lake, results in concentric eddies rippling on and on, lifting and assuaging until ultimately absorbed into the spirit of a kindred soul. Man was not created an insensible billiard ball on a great cosmic table, but was made in God's image, capable of love, which lifts, adding melody and song without which life would remain blighted and bland; capable of sympathy which knows the hurt of another's burden as it has rubbed into the raw openness of a sensitive guilt; capable of understanding which accepts one without any adjustment or endeavor to rouse. This intense vitality lifts the soul to beauty and courage, and fills the few brief hours of a lifetime with rhapsody reminiscent only of a lost paradise.

Friendship reduces the friction of a daily life and adds joy to existence. Friendship is the human family's high water mark in its long trek through history, for when the brook is fullest and goes with strong, pulsating current toward the endless sea of humanity, it's sythmetic ebb and flow among the reeds of the human heart produces reassuring music of acceptance.

Let us then know, "we are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle, face it 'tis God's gift." Take heart for friendship is a noble trait, the regal attire of all who really love, the signet ring of a treasured soul, and the nectar dipped from life's neglected flower.

The gift of a friend is life's blessing thrice distilled, the starkle of a priceless stone against the background of darkness and meaningless struggle moving toward identity. Its rays are reflected by the mirror of the heart and given color as it passes through the prism of the soul. It is that light which discovers the hidden beauty, the imprisoned self, struggling to be free. It's that balm which wipes all the ugliness and scars of our lesser selves into oblivion. It is the gentle, skilful hand which strings the scattered pearls of our lives and polishes them with lustre and reflected grace, so that they add symmetry in the well ordered design of life. Friendship is the skilfully wrought bridge which spans the chasm of isolation and narrows the distance dividing man, a division robbing him of the richest heritage of his birthright, the need to love and be loved.

Oh that we might extend our reach for influence through friendship, and see the quiet joyous faces of others relaxing and hear the whisper of appreciation through prayer, and see the soft light of happiness come quietly as vespers at close of day.

"Oh Lord, rekindle our desire to become such a friend."

Never, with the Bible in our hands, can we deny rights to another, which, under the same circumstances, we could claim for ourselves.—Gardiner Spring

Nature is too thin a screen; the glory of the omnipresent God bursts through everywhere—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

525 Baptized In Surakarta

Baptist churches in the Surakarta area of Indonesia have baptized approximately 525 people in the past two years, reports Mrs. Wayne A. Pennell, Southern Baptist missionary.

Surakarta was a stronghold of the Communists until their attempt to take over the Indonesian government two years ago led to their downfall. Before the attempted coup attendance was low at the two Baptist churches and five missions in the Surakarta area and Christian witnessing seemed almost fruitless, says Mrs. Pennell. Some of the people secretly believed in Christ, but were afraid to make their faith known as long as the Communists were powerful.

Worship Through-

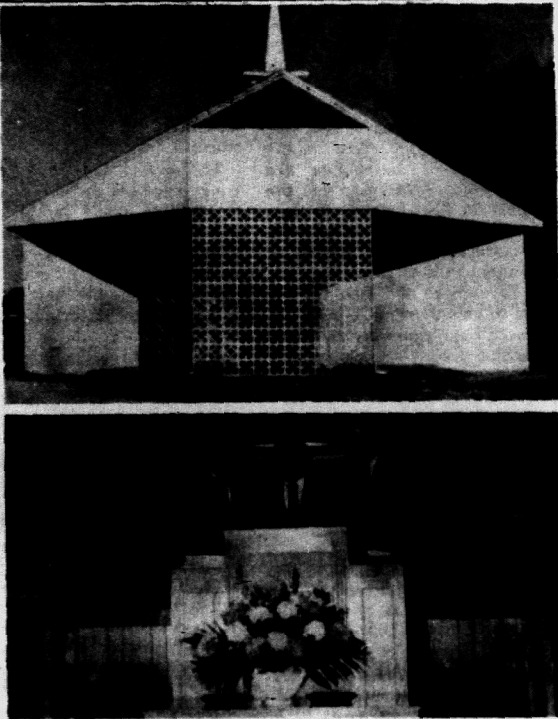
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of God's great gift of love and grace. We are to claim the righteousness of Christ Jesus which comes by faith in Him.

There are many reasons why people are not reverent worshippers at the Lord's Supper. Many fail to see the worth of the observance. Many misuse, despise, have unchristian attitudes toward the brethren at the love feast or other occasions. Some fail in self-judgment and are self-centered and gluttonous in their observance. Therefore, we need to approach the observance with a deep consciousness of its lofty significance. Those who ate unworthily did not discern the Lord's body.

The phrase which forbids a man to eat unworthily does not shut out any man who knows himself to be a sinner. The approach is never closed to penitent sinners. We come to the observance as sinners saved by grace.

Therefore, we need to remember the great gift of Christ in redemption as we worship. One also needs to remember his brother as he goes to worship. If we ever see the real importance of the Lord's Supper, it will be when we sense God in worship when we pause to remember.



New Hope Dedicates Building

New Hope Church, Leakesville, had a dedication service for their new building November 12 at 2:30 P.M. The church, organized on October 16, 1966, is the first Southern Baptist church to be organized in Greene County in over 40 years. During the building program services were conducted in a small frame house near the church grounds. Pictured in the pulpit of the new building, bottom photo, are Dr. Foy Rogers, Supt. of Cooperative Missions, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, who delivered the sermon for the dedication service; Rev. Ben Goddard, Supt. of Missions for Greene County; and Rev. Dan Jones, pastor. The entire interior of the new building was built by the church members.



Rev. Robert Sanders

Johnson Creek Pastor Ordained

Robert M. Sanders was ordained to the ministry on October 8 at Union Church, Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sanders, 7227 Third Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Sanders and his wife, the former Deborah Jennings of Yazoo City, now reside in Hattiesburg, where they are attending William Carey College. He received his A. A. degree from Clarke College, and will complete his requirements for a B.A. degree in August, 1968.

He is now pastor of Johnson Creek Church, State Line.



JAMES MAURICE (Bubba) KNIGHT was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the Mt. Gilead Church, Lauderdale County. A graduate of Southeast High School, he is now enrolled at Mobile College, Mobile, Alabama. He was one of 38 additions to this church last year, under the ministry of Rev. Archie Fleming. (Mr. Fleming recently accepted the pastorate of Pine Grove, Lauderdale County.)

FURMAN LAUNCHES DRIVE TO RAISE \$10 MILLION

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)—Furman University (Baptist) here has launched a campaign to raise \$10 million by 1971 for educational programs, physical facilities and endowment.

The \$10-million drive is the first step in a long-range fund campaign to underwrite the need for \$27 million in the decade of 1966-76, said Eugene C. Proctor of Conway, S.C., chairman of the University's board of trustees.

So far, Furman has received \$3,118,000 of the \$10 million goal in cash or pledges, the Furman Advisory Council was told.

The \$3 million figure includes more than \$2 million from ten corporations and \$529,187 from the South Carolina Convention.

Provided Furman receives \$5 million in its campaign by May 31, 1969, the Baptist school will receive a \$2 million grant from the Ford Foundation.

Governor Poses Question On Parochial Aid

HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS)—

Gov. Raymond P. Shafer of Pennsylvania said there are five "serious questions" involved in the issue of state aid to church-related schools and insisted that so far, as he is concerned the issue is one of aid to students, not to non-public institutions.

Gov. Shafer spelled out the five "serious questions" as follows:

1. "What kind of controls would the Department of Public Instruction have over non-public schools to which these students go?"
2. "What will be the qualifications of the teachers within the schools?"
3. "Is it constitutional?"
4. "How much money will it cost this year?"
5. "How much money will it cost in the long run?"

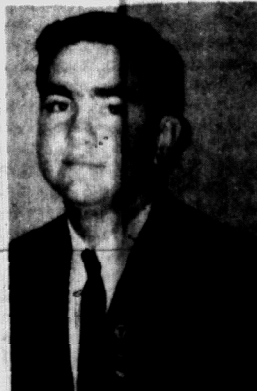
Protestants Set Drive Against Gambling Plan

AUSTIN, Tex. (RNS)—Representatives of 14 Protestant denominations have selected a young Methodist minister to head a campaign to head off any effort to legalize parimutuel betting in Texas.

The Rev. Richard Freeman of Ridgewood Park Methodist church in Dallas was named chairman of a 15-member steering committee which will conduct a drive to defeat a non-binding referendum which will be on the ballot at the May 1968 primaries.

The meeting at which the steering committee was formed was called by the Rev. Gerald McAllister, president of the Texas Council of Churches, and Dr. T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Since the first Bible came off Johann Gutenberg's crude press more than 500 years ago, at least one book of the Bible has been published in 1,280 languages and dialects. During 1966 alone the United Bible Societies distributed more than 98 million Scriptures.



DANNY FREELY, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Freely of New Hope Church, Calhoun County, has a 12-year perfect attendance record in Sunday school. Danny is also serving as song leader in his church. Gary Schwalenber is Sunday school superintendent. Rev. Winfred Bradner is pastor.



Rev. Gene Fant

Fant Accepts New York Mission Post

Rev. Gene C. Fant, pastor of Trinity Church, near Laurel, has resigned to accept a home mission post supported jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the First Baptist Church in Orchard Park, New York.

He will be engaged in a program of organizing a church in the city of Fredonia in Chautauqua County, as well as in evangelistic work among the 150,000 residents of Chautauqua County. His new address, as of December 1, will be P. O. Box 162, Fredonia, New York, 14063.

Mr. Fant recently visited Buffalo, 45 miles from Fredonia, and became acquainted with the Buffalo Bills, professional football players whom he says, as Southern Baptists, have agreed to work with him in his program for the Baptist church in the area.

A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he has held former pastorates at Klamath, California, and Union Church, Smith County. When he went to Trinity as pastor in 1963 the membership was about 175. Today the church has 350 members. Under his leadership, they have built a pastorate, bricked the education building, and added three part-time staff members.

Currently he is president of Jones County Ministerial Association.

Names In The News

Dr. H. D. Smith of Bossier City, Louisiana has accepted the pastorate of the Gently Church, New Orleans, La., and assumed his duties as pastor on Sunday, November 26. Dr. Smith, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of the New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Charles King of Jackson is recovering from injuries, and will be available for supply after December 1. He hopes to be at his full capacity to serve as a pastor by the first of the year.

Rev. Higdon Harrington of Ruleville has accepted a call as interim pastor of Roundaway Church, Sunflower County. Harrington is a graduate of Ruleville High School, and an honor graduate of Miss. Delta Junior College, Moorhead. While at MDJC he served as the devotional director for the BSU and as student trainer for the MDJC athletic department. He is at the present time a junior history major at Delta State College, Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries to Nigeria, may be addressed at Baptist Medical Center, Box 15, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Mississippi.



Rev. Richard Martin

Martin Accepts Eastview, Laurel

Rev. Richard E. Martin has assumed his duties as the new pastor of Eastview Church, Laurel; he and his family are now living in the parsonage. He succeeds Rev. T. R. Coulter, Sr., who served the church for seventeen years.

The church welcomed the Martins with an old-fashioned pounding, and later honored them with a reception.

A native of Brooksville, Fla., he has been pastor of Salem Church, Collins, for four years. He is a graduate of Norman College in Georgia, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Other pastorates include Union Church, Seminary; Chicora Church, Wayne County; McClellan Road Mission, Ocean Springs; and churches in Florida and Georgia.

While in Covington County, he was very active in associational work, particularly the pastor's conference and the associational Sunday School.

Off The Record

The law professor was lecturing on courtroom procedure. "When you are arguing a case and have the facts on your side, hammer on the facts. If you have the law on your side, hammer on the law."

"But sir," interrupted a student, "suppose you don't have the facts or the law?"

"Then," said the professor, "hammer on the table."

Motorist: "Aren't you the fellow who sold me this car two weeks ago?"

Salesman: "Yes, sir."

Motorist: "Tell me how good it is again; I sure am getting discouraged."

The boss was exasperated with his new secretary. She ignored the telephone when it rang. Finally he said, irritably, "You must answer the phone."

"O.K.," she replied, "but it seems so silly. Nine times out of ten it's for you."

Revival Dates



Robison McKay
McDowell Road, Jackson: December 3-10; James Robison Evangelist Team, with John McKay, music director; services at 7:30 nightly; Rev. John Hilburn, pastor.

First Church, Wiggins: Dec. 6-10; Rev. Homer Martinez of Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist; Ann Criswell of First Church, Dallas, the daughter of Dr. W. A. Criswell, soloist; Ed Sud-dith of First Church, Gulfport, organist; Gene Clement, music director; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor. Services are each night at 7:30, and the theme is "Christmas for Christmas."

Baptists Assist Jordan College

The Baptist Girls' School and the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, both in Ajloun, Jordan, are assisting a neighboring institution, a government teacher training college for women, reports Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, Southern Baptist missionary.

The three-year-old government school, located between the Baptist Hospital and the village of Ajloun, is using the Girls' School in its observation and practice teaching program. Seventy future teachers visit the Baptist school each week, attending classes by twos. Even the Bible classes are being observed. Toward the end of the semester the young women will have opportunity to practice their teaching methods.



J. W. Avera, Jr.

Bethlehem Calls Music Minister

James William Avera, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Avera, Sr. of Sandersville, has accepted the call to Bethlehem Church, Jones County, as minister of music.

He is now a sophomore at Jones County Junior College, majoring in music. At Northeast Jones High School he was in Beta Club, in the Band, and on the Student Council. In his Junior year he was voted "most talented."

He is now a sophomore at Jones County Pastors' Conference. The son of a retired Baptist minister, Rev. Tom Fant, he is married to the former Ramona Hankins of Baxterville. They have two sons: Gene, Jr., 4, and Stevie, 2.